

Gideon: Mighty Warrior



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7-DAY DEVOTIONAL JOURNAL

Welcome

IT'S TIME TO DIG A LITTLE DEEPER INTO GIDEON'S STORY.

This 7-day devotional journal was created to complement our [Gideon: Mighty Warrior](#) blog post.

Journaling is a great way to help you digest what you're learning through the written word. We hope you find this useful when you don't feel strong. God will give your strength! Enjoy your journaling time!

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Breaking Down Altars

“In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar!” – Judges 6:28

Gideon was busy threshing wheat in secret to hide it from the enemy when God told him He was with him. Because of the bad circumstances he was living in, Gideon didn't react positively when God told him to go rescue Israel.

Once he realized God was in control and was leading him forward with a purpose, he quickly went to break down the altar to Baal as he'd been instructed.

Because of this bold act of defiance, the people wanted him killed.

Just like Gideon, there will be times in your life when you're boldly serving God and those around you may not like that. Stand firm, and trust that like He did with Gideon, God also has your back.

God, when the circumstances in my life are frightening and overwhelming, help me to realize that You have a plan. You're always in control and nothing that occurs is outside Your loving guidance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Journal Your Thoughts

1. Have you ever had an encounter with God when you least expected it?

2. What bold acts of defiance have you felt led to do?

3. How have those around you responded to your boldness?

Seeking God's Heart

“Look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.” – Judges 6:37

When God told Gideon what He wanted done, Gideon didn't jump up, ready to run out the door and get started. Like many of us, he had some doubts.

He didn't want to make a mistake and so he questioned. He wanted to make sure he was truly hearing from the Lord. He didn't want to act in his own strength.

One of the reasons for his doubt that he was actually hearing from God could have been because he knew he was “the least in my family.”

But God knew how Gideon felt. This was probably why God addressed him from the start as “mighty warrior.” Where Gideon saw weakness, God saw strength.

God sees us in ways that we don't see ourselves. We see what's around us and our lack.

God sees Himself working through us. If, like Gideon, you're having doubts about a path ahead of you, seek God's direction.

It's okay to question if something is really what you're supposed to do. It might be you're wondering if you should go back to school or move to another city. Maybe you've thought about starting a new business. Whatever the question, ask God to send you a sign then follow His leading!

God, help me to be sure the direction that I'm taking is the one that You're leading me to. Let me have the assurance that this venture is from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Journal Your Thoughts

1. How do you see yourself?

2. What new direction are you considering?

3. Have you experienced God showing you a clear sign in the past? What happened?

The Size Of The Army

“Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.” – Judges 7:6

The forces coming against Gideon were numerous. The Midianites had joined forces with Amalek and the people of the east.

There were so many of them that when Gideon went to take a peek at the enemy's camp, they looked like a swarm of locust. Even their camels were like grains of sand. Far too many to count!

It would have been understandable for Gideon to want to run. He and his men were clearly outnumbered.

But the thing about God is that the size of the army holds no strength when He moves. God's hand can deliver you in a situation whether you have 30,000 people standing with you, 300 by your side or no one at all. God never depends on the size of the army.

Sometimes God allows us into situations where our resources dwindle because He wants to show us His strength. He wants us to glorify Him for the victory and not accept praise for the results.

God, help me to remember that in any situation I face, You're with me. Though I may seem outnumbered, I'm not. I'm never alone because it's Your strength that wins the battle. Remind me that the praise and glory belong only to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Journal Your Thoughts

1. What situations in your life feel overwhelming?

2. In what ways do you feel outnumbered?

3. Have you seen God work in a miracle in an impossible situation?

Promised Victory

His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands." – Judges 7:14

Gideon started heading toward a battle with thousands of warriors by his side. But God told him there were too many warriors and told him to let the ones who were afraid of the coming fight to go back home. Thousands left and 10,000 remained.

Gideon probably thought that was a good number. God thought it was too many and wanted to send more home. In the end, God allowed 300 men to remain. God knew that Gideon probably had some fears about the upcoming battle, and He offered reassurance.

He told Gideon to listen to what the enemy was saying, and it would encourage him. Gideon overheard the enemy sharing a dream where it was acknowledged that God was going to give the victory to Gideon.

Gideon's response to this was immediately to worship God. Before the fight ever started, it was already over because God had planned the victory ahead of time.

Because of Jesus, we're also assured victory because we're "more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

God, the battles that I face have already been won. Help me to remember that Your promises never waver and that You are all the strength I need to fight whatever comes my way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Journal Your Thoughts

1. Has God ever spoken to you in a dream?

2. In what situations do you need victory?

3. Are you living as if you're already victorious or do you believe you'll be defeated?

Staying Humble

“God gave Oreb and Zeeb, the Midianite leaders, into your hands. What was I able to do compared to you?” At this, their resentment against him subsided. – Judges 8:3

In the heat of the battle, God moved to have the Midianites turn on each other. Those who weren't slain in the battle fled. When that happened, Gideon sent out messengers to the leaders giving them instructions about the battle. They were supposed to go after the Midianites that fled.

This angered the leaders because they thought they got left out. They wanted to take part in the battle from the start because they didn't feel like covering the end of the battle was significant enough.

But Gideon was quick to point out their victories. He reminded them of what they'd done to catch the enemy generals. This hampered the enemy because it cut off their leadership. He was reassuring them that their part in the battle was important.

Even after winning a huge battle, Gideon was humble. He knew that the win wasn't his to claim the glory for. It would have been easy for Gideon to become puffed up and respond to the others harshly, but he didn't.

When you experience victory in your life, you might encounter the temptation to believe that it was all because of your own efforts. But victory is seldom a solo flight. It's the result of God bringing many people to work together.

God, remind me to recognize the contributions of others in the battles in my own life. Let me remain humble and not give in to the temptation to claim the praise or glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Journal Your Thoughts

1. Have you ever participated in a battle that required many people working together? What happened?

2. When you win big, are you tempted to claim all the credit and glory for yourself?

3. How do you show appreciation to those that help you in your daily battles?

The Lord Will Rule

But Gideon told them, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The LORD will rule over you.” – Judges 8:23

Before the victory over the Midianites, circumstances were so bad that Gideon was feeling pretty low. So low in fact, that he made the statement that God had abandoned them.

God used Gideon to rescue Israel in such a way that everyone would clearly know that it was done in God’s strength and not in any man’s power. When the battle was over, Gideon praised God for this victory and kept his focus on the Lord.

But the people—excited to be freed from their enemies—longed for Gideon to be their ruler. They believed that Gideon had led them through the battle and that meant he should be their ruler. They asked because they were trusting in Gideon.

But Gideon quickly declined. He made it clear that he would not be their ruler and that his descendants would also not be their ruler.

He pointed them back to the Lord and made it clear that God was the one they should trust in. He didn’t want the people falsely uplifting and trusting in him.

When God uses you in battle, be wary. Others may look to you to be their ruler. But the only One who is fit to rule is God.

God, it can be tempting after a battle to trust in the help of man. Help me to keep my trust firmly in You for the outcome of any trials I may face. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Journal Your Thoughts

1. When are you tempted to look at other people to be your ruler?

2. How can you acknowledge God as your Ruler in your daily life?

3. What other temptations have you faced after a victory?

40 Years Of Peace

“Thus Midian was subdued before the Israelites and did not raise its head again. During Gideon's lifetime, the land had peace forty years.” – Judges 8:28

The battle against the Midianites was a final victory. In fact, the Midianites “did not raise its head again” which means they never recovered from the battle against them that God chose to use Gideon for.

Because Gideon did as God led him, there was peace throughout the land for the remaining decades of his life. The people were able to live in freedom. They were able to prosper and enjoy life after that victory.

Gideon's obedience blessed the entire nation of Israel for decades. That's the beauty of one righteous person. It only took one man stepping up and following the Lord for the benefits to be felt by everyone.

You might think that living a righteous life and seeking to do good doesn't matter anymore. If those have been some of your thoughts, it's because you may not realize that the actions you do right now can have a greater impact than you can imagine.

Often times, many are blessed because of the righteousness of one person.

God, help me to follow Your leading. Allow my life to be one that can be used to bless others for decades to come. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Journal Your Thoughts

1. Have you ever been blessed because of someone else's righteousness?

2. How often are you tempted to believe that the way you live doesn't make a difference?

3. Has God ever revealed to you how someone else has been blessed because of your righteousness?

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Our hope is that you will feel Gods presence and strength in your life and in turn you will feel strengthened just as Gideon was. Bless you.



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Alicia Bowyer created Christian Women's Corner after talking to a good friend one day. They discussed how hard it was to keep up with daily prayer, Bible reading, and telling others about Jesus who didn't share their faith. She knew that some might not struggle with these three things, but many do.

She wanted to take the knowledge that she gained from over 40 years on her Christian walk and help others.

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